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For:

**IMAGE SENSOR** 

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with:

The present invention relates to an image sensor, and more particularly to an image sensor producing an output image superior in uniformity by correcting variations in the characteristics of solid state photosensing devices.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 11, with:

An image sensor picks up an image of an object with an array of solid state photosensing devices which are arranged two-dimensionally. Each of the solid state photosensing devices receives light from an object and converts the light into respective electric signals. A weak signal produced is amplified in an amplifier circuit. The solid

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